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SUMMARY: MEDIA FEATURED NEWS THAT ROK-JAPAN MINISTERIAL
CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AS SCHEDULED DESPITE KIM DAE-JOONG CASE;
THAT U.S. AND JAPAN WILL DISCUSS HOW TO HANDLE KOREAN QUESTION
IN UN; JAPAN WILL TAKE FLEXIBLE ATTITUDE ON SOUTH-NORTH KOREAN
ADMITTANCE INTO UN; AND THAT COMMUNIST UN SOURCE INDICATED
MOSCOW AND PEKING NOT CONCERNED WITH AMERICAN MILITARY PRESENCE
IN KOREA.

TV REPORTS: ONE TV STATION REPORTED NEW ZEALAND PREMIER'S
DISCLOSURE OF THIRD FRENCH NUCLEAR TEST CONDUCTED SUNDAY.

PRESS REPORTS: DONGA ILBO'S LEAD STORY REPORTED THAT ROK-JAPAN
MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE UNOFFICIALLY SET FOR SEPT 7 AND 8
IN TOKYO WILL BE HELD AS SCHEDULED DESPITE EFFECT KIM DAE-JOONG
ABDUCTION ON ROK-JAPAN RELATIONS. IT ADDED THAT JAPANESE
LEADERS ARE BELIEVED SATISFIED WITH ROK'S COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE
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IN INVESTIGATION OF THE CASE AND PREMIER KIM'S PERSONAL LETTER

ADDRESSED TO JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER
AUGUST 17 WHICH DENIED ROK'S INVOLVEMENT BUT APOLOGIZED FOR THE
FACT THAT "KOREANS" WERE INVOLVED. PRESS REPORTED KOREAN
AMBASSADOR LEE TOLD JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTRY KIM DAE-JOONG AND
YANG IL-TONG CANNOT BE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO JAPAN BECAUSE OF
ROK INVESTIGATION; AND KOREAN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION IN JAPAN
PROTEST AGAINST JAPANESE LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC DIETMAN UTSUNOMIA'S
"IRRESPONSIBLE REMARK" THAT ROKG WAS INVOLVED IN THE ABDUCTION.

WEEKEND AND MONDAY PM PRESS PROMINENTLY RAN A UPI FORECAST
THAT U.S. AND JAPAN WILL DISCUSS HOW TO DEAL WITH KOREAN
QUESTION IN THE U.N. THE UPI ITEM A "WASHINGTON WINDOW" COLUMN,
KOREA IS REGARDED AS ONE OF THE MOST TROUBLED WORLD AREAS,
NOTED STATE DEPARTMENT NOTIFICATION TO PYONGYANG THAT IT WILL
ISSUE VISAS FOR NORTH KOREAN UN OBSERVER TEAM, AND QUOTED
AMERICAN OFFICIALS AS REMARKING THAT IF DETENTE MATURES OR
UNIFICATION IS REALIZED IN KOREA, ALL AMERICAN FORCES WILL HAVE
TO BE WITHDRAWN.

MONDAY PM PAPERS REPORTED THAT ACCORDING TO JAPANESE FOREIGN
MINISTRY SOURCES, JAPAN MADE FINAL DECISION ON HOW TO DEAL
WITH KOREAN QUESTION IN THE U.N., AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH THE
ROK AND U.S. MAIN FEATURES OF THE JAPANESE DECISION: 1)
JAPAN WILL NOT OPPOSE DISSOLUTION OF UNCURK AND BUT WILL
PREFER TO LET THE UNCURK DECLARE ITSELF DISSOLVED;
2) WILL STRONGLY OPPOSE DISSOLUTION OF UN FORCES IN KOREA
AND 3) WILL NOT PRESS TOO HARD FOR SIMULTANEOUS SOUTH-NORTH
ENTRY LEST IT PROVOKE PYONGYANG, AND INSTEAD WAIT UNTIL NORTH
KOREA CHANGES PRESENT ATTITUDE.

WITH CREDIT TO ORIENT PRESS, MONDAY PM PRESS QUOTED A "RANKING
DIPLOMAT OF A MAJOR COMMUNIST COUNTRY IN THE UN" SAYING
"HOW LONG AMERICAN FORCES WILL STAY IN KOREA IS A QUESTION BETWEEN
THE U.S. AND ROK, AND NOT A QUESTION RELATED TO EITHER MOSCOW
OR PEKING." THIS REMARK WAS INTERPRETED BY PRESS AS ENDORSEMENT
OF A JULY PENTAGON REPORT TO CONGRESS THAT MOSCOW, PEKING
AND TOKYO RECOGNIZED THE PEACE-KEEPING ROLE OF AMERICAN
FORCES IN KOREA. MONDAY PRESS CARRIED THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW
ZEALAND REPORTS THAT A THIRD FRENCH UNCLEAR TEST WAS CONDUCTED
SUNDAY. MONDAY PRESS REPORTED THAT AS A RESULT OF ROK-US
TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS IN SEOUL, AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED TO
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INCREASE QUOTA FOR KOREAN SYNTHETIC AND WOOL TEXTILE PRODUCTS
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